I want to know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that in Krishna District along seashore, nearly 15,000 acres of paddy harvested and stocked were literally washed away by the tidal waters during May 1990 cyclone. I want to know whether the Government will bring necessary changes in the comprehensive scheme so that the harvested crop is also covered and the interest of the farmer is protected....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This question has already been answered. The Minister gave a very comprehensive answer to this.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Sir, that is different.

MR. SPEAKER: *It covered that also.* Okay, come out with a question.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Sir, let the Minister say so.

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: Sir, I have already replied to this. It is not feasible and it is not workable so far... *(Interruptions)*

[Translations]

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: I would like to know from the hon. Agriculture Minister, it is a matter of pleasure that he is associated with agriculture....

MR. SPEAKER: Time is limited, if you want a reply please ask the question, a long introduction is not required.

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: I am asking the question. Crop Insurance Scheme is not an ordinary task. How it will be invested, what will be the returns, are the points to be considered. Fortunately, the Agriculture Minister is himself an agriculturist. Will the government constitute a committee so that the Insurance Scheme is rightly applied to agriculturists which can give a right opinion after proper study which can be helpful in the long run?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: I am inviting suggestions and I am very much concerned about finding any such source which may be helpful in this so that the scheme runs smoothly. No such resource or scheme has come our way till today. You may suggest.

SHRI RATILAL VARMA: In Gujarat, the balance is outstanding under Crop Insurance Scheme, with the result they are losing faith on Crop Insurance Scheme. By what time the remaining balance would be paid?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: The claims are mostly from Gujarat, some are disputed and are resolved. It is under process.

[English]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Sir, what I want to know from the hon. Minister is this. Particularly, the crop insurance scheme is only applicable when a farmer is taking loan from the bank. In case other farmers, who are in the same block, are not taking loan... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: The Minister has already replied to this questions.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

People of Indian origin in Fiji

*509. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons of Indian origin in Fiji who have left that country so far;

(b) the number of them who have since settled in various countries, country-wise; and

(c) the number of persons of Indian origin who are still living in Fiji?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The number of persons of Indian origin estimated to have left Fiji after the coups in 1987 is approx. 20,000.

(b) No precise figures are available. However, there are sizeable migrant communities of Fijians of Indian origin in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom and United States of America.

(c) According to information published by the Fiji Bureau of Statistics in December, 1989, approx. 3,37,557 persons of Indian origin were living in Fiji.